

Re: Internet wiretaps and Terrorism

I am extremely concerned about the commission's decision to require ISP's to allow Internet wiretaps. As currently planned, this would entail making it easy for an individual or entity (specifically the FBI) to listen in on large amounts of sensitive traffic. The problem with this approach is that it creates a SINGLE point of failure. Instead of having to break into millions of systems individually, a crook or terrorist would only need to subvert the wiretap interface provided by ISPs to the FBI. By subverting that single interface, the individual would then have access to the traffic of all of the machines on the ISPs network.

In short, the proposed system, with the best of intentions, is setting up a scenario in which our nation's infrastructure will be EXTREMELY vulnerable to terrorist attack. Please consult some independent security experts for some worst case scenarios based around the details of the proposed system.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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